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REMARKS

Upon entry of the claim amendments, Claims 1 and 3-8 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in original Claim 2 at Section No. 6, page 4, of the final Action. Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of Claim 2 into Claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3, 5, and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,362,288 to Brewer, *et al.* ("Brewer"). Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Brewer.

The rejections should be withdrawn.

Brewer discloses a composition based on silicone rubber for cables. Brewer relates to the compatibilization of a silicone base and a polyamide resin, but to none of the polymers of the present invention. Brewer discloses the results of tensile strength and elongation, but does not disclose evaluation of the resistance to tearing or evidence of a good resistance to tearing. There is no direct link between elongation/tensile properties and tearing resistance. Indeed, many materials exhibit good elongation and/or tensile strength but low resistance to tearing.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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